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1. RECEIPT OF PART I "NOMINATION-JUSTIFICATION" FOR INITIAL STEP IN MAKING IV NOMINATIONS SHOULD CONTAIN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ENABLE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE MEANINGFUL REVIEW OF POST NOMINATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, INFORMATION SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL NOMINATIONS IN REFTELS B AND C, FOR EXAMPLE DID NOT RESPOND TO ALL OF THE QUESTIONS LISTED IN PART I -- THEREBY CAUSING MISUNDERSTANDING AND ULTIMATELY ADDITIONAL WORK BOTH FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY.

2. OF THE NOMINATIONS THUS FAR SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH FLIGHT INFO, NOMINATIONS OF EDUARDO RIOS, BENJAMIN PRADO AND AUGUSTIN LETELIER DID NOT INCLUDE TRAVEL ABROAD (4), PREVIOUS USG GRANTS AWARDED (5), AND, IN TWO CASES EACH, POST OBJECTIVES OF U.S. VISIT (9) AND PAST POSITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2). HAD DEPARTMENT KNOWN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 4, 5 AND 9 AS WELL AS "POST SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM" (PART II B) CONCERNING PROPOSAL RIOS ATTEND AFL-CIO

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CONVENTION, NOMINATION RIOS WOULD HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN

INITIALLY.

. IV NOMINATING PROCEDURES HAVE NOT CHANGED, BUT NOMINATIONS CANNOT BE APPROVED UNLESS FULL INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY POST. HOWEVER, IF POST FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO SECURE REQUIRED INFORMATION WITHOUT OFFERING APPROVED RANT, EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO FACE POSSIBILITY OF CANDIDATES APPROVED INITIALLY BEING SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED DOWN WHEN LATER INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS FOUND TO BE DISQUALIFYING.

4. IN THE CASE OF NOMINATIONS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, ACTIVE OR RETIRED, IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PART I, CU MUST KNOW WHAT KIND OF PROGRAM POST HAS IN MIND FOR CANDIDATES BEFORE APPROVAL IS SOUGHT FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

. IN THE FUTURE, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING LIST OF ALL CANDIDATES BEING CONSIDERED FOR IV GRANTS, FOLLOWED BY COMPLETE NOMINATION INFORMATION SUBMITTED INDIVIDUALLY OR, IF COLLECTIVELY, IN A MANNER THAT WILL FACILITATE EASY USE AND DISTRIBUTION. THE HIGHLY SATISFACTORY FORMAT BEING USED BY OUR EMBASSY IN BRAZIL IS BEING SENT SEPARATELY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. WITH MORE DEQUATE INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO EMBASSY REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE. KISSINGER

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